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Reference is made to the SSC letter dated
April 15, 1976, requesting delivery of certain FBI documents.

Enclosed for your approval and forwarding to
the SSC is the original of a memorandum responsive to
Item 1 of referenced SSC letter. Also enclosed for your
records is a copy of the memorandum.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (105-77667)

DATE: 6-28-62

FROM : Legal Attaché, Madrid (109-20) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ROLANDO L. CUBELA y SECADES
FPM - CUBA

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Re Madrid letter 5-10-62 and Miami letter
to the Bureau 6-7-62.

As stated in Madrid letter of 5-10-62,
pertinent information regarding subject was furnished
the local station of CIA. (S)(u)

Reference Miami letter to the Bureau reflects
that subject proceeded to Mexico prior to the time
Russian official MIKOYAN arrived in Mexico from Cuba
and was in contact with (JACK STEWART) who Miami informant
stated was reported to work for the U. S. Embassy in
Mexico City. It is the recollection of Legat, Madrid,
(S) that (JACK STEWART) was an agent of CIA assigned to the
American Embassy in Mexico and handled (Cubans). (S)(u)

It would appear (that CIA) is completely aware
of subject's activities and possible intentions to defect.

In view of the above, no further action appears
necessary by the Madrid Office, and this matter is con-
sidered RUC.

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Date *7-11-62*
by *RMM/ST*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (109-471) (P)

RE: ROLANDO L. CUBELA Y SECADES
FPM - CUBA.

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CIA excises
throughout
except MM 761-S

Re Miami letter to Bureau, 6/7/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing info obtained from (MM 761-S) who is MM T-1, and from CARLOS TEPEDINO 98-19-64 Ave., Rego Park, Queens, L. I., N. Y. who is MM T-2, in letterhead memo.

Source

The info was furnished on 6/11/62, to SA THOMAS H. ERRION at Miami, Fla. (MM 761-S) is a long-time acquaintance of TEPEDINO and both are friends of CUBELA.

(MM 761-S) advised that the mother of deceased JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVARRIA (former head of the Revolutionary Directory (DR), anti-BATISTA rebel organization) came from

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made a trip to "Closter", Switzerland, for ~~AVIGNON~~ ^{CO} in 8/60. ~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) to obtain info about some student conference, but ~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) was delayed in leaving and due to a mixup the person he was supposed to contact upon arrival there did not show up, so the trip was not a success.

~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) stated that, as mentioned above, he will cooperate in any way he can, but he does not want ~~STEWART~~ ^(u) to think he is doing something behind ~~STEWART~~ ^(u) back in the event ~~STEWART~~ ^(u) should learn of any proposed plan. He was told that the info that he furnished would be made available to the proper Federal Government agencies and his request concerning ~~STEWART~~ ^(u) would also be furnished at the same time and that he would be advised should additional info be needed.

He stated that any additional info coming to his attention would be immediately furnished.

~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) stated that he and ~~MM 761-S~~ ^(u) had known each other a long time and that since ~~MM 761-S~~ ^(u) lived in Miami and ~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) was returning to New York City he would furnish any info to ~~MM 761-S~~ ^(u) who would, in turn, notify the FBI.

~~MM 761-S~~ ^(u) advised that when previously discussing CUBELA, he told ~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) that he had been questioned by the FBI in connection with his own previous activities on several occasions in the past and would be able to make contact with the FBI in such a manner that the info could be passed to the proper U. S. Government agency with the precaution taken to protect ~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) and not risk jeopardizing CUBELA's chances for escaping Cuba).

~~TEPEDINO~~ ^(u) furnished a business card of ~~Tishman and Lipp, Inc.~~ ^(u) New York City and ~~Corletto, Inc.~~ ^(u) Milano (Italy), showing a business address of ~~31 West 47th St., New York 36, N. Y.~~ ^(u) phone ~~JUDson 6-4622~~ ^(u) on which he wrote his home phone of ~~TW 7-9843~~ ^(u) and his home address ~~98-19-64 Ave., Rego Park, Queens, L. I., N.Y.~~ ^(u)

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Info copies are designated for New York, Washington Field and San Juan Offices because of their interest in current Cuban matters. Three extra copies are designated for the Bureau for transmittal to the Legats, Paris, Bern and Madrid.

(u) For the additional info of the Bureau and Legat, Paris, ~~TEPEDINO~~ asked whom he should contact in the event of the receipt of emergency info while he was in Paris. He was advised that it would be best to go to the American Embassy and talk to someone in the Legal Attache's Office. ~~TEPEDINO~~ was not given any info indicating any connection between the Bureau and the Legal Attache. *Source*

Prior to his departure for Europe, 6/22/62 ~~TEPEDINO~~ can be contacted through the above home telephone ~~EW 7-9843~~. Subsequent to that date, he can be reached through the address "B. ROSENBLATT, 20, Chetrevise, Paris, phone TA 1-17438." *Source* (u)

Miami indices are negative re ~~TEPEDINO~~. However, CIA, by letter classified SECRET, dated 10/27/59, furnished info under the title "Cuban Government Agents Operating in the United States" (forwarded by Bureau letter 11/10/59, captioned, Report of Cuban Intelligence Agents in the United States, IS - CUBA). This communication from CIA alleged that a "fairly reliable source" in Cuba reported that

(MM 761-S) had the reputation of being a jewelry smuggler with an outlet in Havana in the ~~Diadema Jewelry Store~~. His Havana representative described as having a store in the ~~Habana Hilton~~ was named as ~~CARLOS TEPEDINO~~. (MM 761-S) in 1/60, explained that ~~CARLOS TEPEDINO~~ operated the ~~La Diadema~~ wholesale jewelry house in Havana and they had been friends until (MM 761-S) was imprisoned by the BATISTA Government as a result of his participation in 1957 attack on Cuban Presidential Palace. ~~TEPEDINO~~ refused to help the wife of (MM 761-S). As a result, (MM 761-S) severed all contact with ~~TEPEDINO~~ and became very angry with him. Although angry, (MM 761-S) emphatically stated ~~TEPEDINO~~ was a legitimate wholesaler/jeweler and was not engaged in illegal activities. (Miami report of SA THOMAS H. ERRION, 3/4/60; captioned RICARDO MADAN RIVAS, IS - CUBA, Bufile 97-3993) *Source* (u)



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: October 26, 1962

To: Director, FBI (105-77667)
From: Legat, Paris (105-1779)(RUC)

Subject: ROLANDO L. CUBELA y SECADES
IS - CUBA

Re Paris letter 8/22/62.

Instant matter was discussed with Mr. EDWARD RYAN, Assistant Chief, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Paris, on October 23, 1962. He advised that no information of interest to the Bureau has been obtained by CIA, Paris, in captioned matter. He stated that they are aware of the Bureau's interest and in the event they receive any information of interest it will be furnished to this office.

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- Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wannall

June 4, 1965

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION
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- 1 - Mr. Cotter
- 1 - Mr. Nasca
- 1 - Mr. O'Brien

PLANS TO ASSASSINATE CUBAN LEADERS

On June 2, 1965, Victor Domindador Espinosa Hernandez, a Cuban refugee, was interviewed at the New York City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Espinosa advised as follows:

On May 29, 1965, he returned to New York City after spending twenty-six days in Paris, France, where he was in contact with individuals involved in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro and other Cuban Government leaders. The main figure in this plot is Rolando Cubela, a close friend of Espinosa and an intimate friend and current neighbor of Fidel Castro. Cubela is identical with former Major Rolando L. Cubela y Secades, who has resigned from the armed forces of Cuba and is now practicing medicine in Havana. Alberto Blanco, an employee of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, and Major Juan Almeida Bosque are the other leading figures in this plot.

He conferred in Paris for about ten days with Alberto Blanco who was then on an inspection tour of Cuban Embassies and Consulates abroad. He learned that the plot is directed toward the assassination of Fidel Castro, his brother Raul Castro, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a Cabinet member in the present Cuban Government, and Ramiro Valdes, the Chief of the Cuban Intelligence Service. The assassination of these individuals is to take place in public, possibly on July 26, 1965, when all the Cuban leaders would be together at the annual July 26th celebration in Havana. After the assassination, those involved in the plot hope to seize the radio station and call for American help. Cubela and others associated with him in this plot desire to know whether or not the United States would help if the plot was successful and if

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- 1 - 2-1821 (Espinosa)
- ① - 105-77667 (Cubela)
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the United States would be ready to give this assistance at a moment's notice as the plotters may be able to hold the Government for only a day or two.

He was in Spain for about twenty hours during his recent trip and in that country he contacted other Cuban exiles and learned that a man named Williamson, who is in charge of the Central Intelligence Agency Office in Madrid, is aware of this plot to a certain degree. The Cuban exiles do not trust Williamson and allege he has been compromised by a Cuban girl nicknamed "Tota," who was sent from Havana to Spain for the specific purpose of getting in contact with Williamson. (S) (CIA officers) (S) (S)

He requested to be put in contact with a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, who was thoroughly familiar with the Cuban situation and knowledgeable concerning the individuals involved in the plot.

NOTE: Above information contained in New York teletype dated 6/2/65, captioned, "Victor Domindador Espinosa Hernandez, Neutrality Matters; Internal Security - Cuba."

Bureau files indicate Espinosa in 1963 was involved in a plan to bomb Cuba. Our investigation of this plot, which was not a Central Intelligence Agency operation, resulted in seizure of over a ton of dynamite and other material to be used in making bombs.

Bureau files indicate Cubela has been previously contacted in Europe by Central Intelligence Agency possibly with a view towards taking some action against Cuban leaders.

Almeida Dosque may be identical with person serving as First Deputy Minister of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces.

Original of this memorandum being sent to Attorney General (copy to Deputy Attorney General) by cover letter. Xerox copy being furnished to White House and Director, Central

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VICTOR DOMINDADOR-ESPINOSA HERNANDEZ, NEUTRALITY MATTERS., IS - CUBA.

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

ESPINOSA APPEARED AT THE NEW YORK OFFICE ON JUNE TWO, SIXTYFIVE
IN THE COMPANY OF INS INVESTIGATOR EDWARD KAVAZANJIAN AND FURNISHED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION...

ESPINOSA RETURNED TO NEW YORK ON FIVE TWENTYNINE LAST AFTER SPENDING
TWENTYSIX DAYS IN PARIS, WHERE HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS
INVOLVED IN PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO AND LEADING CUBAN
GOVERNMENT PERSONALITIES. ESPINOSA SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE
TO MEET IN FRANCE WITH ROLANDO CUBELA, WHO IS A LIFE LONG FRIEND OF
ESPINOSA AND IS ALLEGED TO BE THE MAIN FIGURE IN THE PLOT. CUBELA
IS IDENTICAL WITH FORMER MAJOR ROLANDO L. CUBELA Y SEGADES, WHO IS
AN INTIMATE FRIEND OF FIDEL CASTRO. ESPINOSA FURTHER STATED THAT
HE CONFERRED IN PARIS FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS WITH ALBERTO BLANCO, WHO IS
CONNECTED WITH THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WAS ON AN INSPECTION
TOUR OF THE COUNTRIES AND CONSULATES ABROAD. ESPINOSA SAID THAT
HE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLOT AND WENT TO PARIS ON THE

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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URGING OF CUBELA, WHO HAS BEEN A LIFE-LONG FRIEND OF HIS. HE ALSO STATED THAT INVOLVED IN THE PLOT WAS MAJOR JUAN ALMEIDA BOSQUE.

SPINOSA SAID THAT CUBELA HAD RESIGNED FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF CUBA AND IS NOW PRACTICING MEDICINE AT THE CALIXTO GARCIA HOSPITAL IN HAVANA AND HAS A HOME ADJACENT TO FIDEL CASTRO-S AT VARADERO

BEACH. ESPINOSA ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN SPAIN FOR ONLY ABOUT TWENTY HOURS, WHERE HE CONTACTED OTHER CUBAN EXILES AND LEARNED THAT WILLIAMSON ^{CIA officer}

^(S) WHO IS IN CHARGE ^(S) [OF THE CIA OFFICE IN MADRID] WAS COGNIZANT TO A CERTAIN DEGREE OF THIS PLOT, BUT THAT THE CUBANS DID NOT TRUST WILLIAMSON

^(S) BECAUSE THEY CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN COMPROMISED ^(S) BY A CUBAN GIRL, WHOS NICKNAME WAS "TOTA", WHO HAD BEEN SENT FROM HAVANA FOR THE SPECIFIC ^{identifies officer}

PURPOSE OF GETTING IN CONTACT WITH WILLIAMSON. ^(S) THIS INDIVIDUAL IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH EARL JAMES WILLIAMSON, CIA REPRESENTATIVE LAST KNOWN TO BE IN MADRID. ^(S)

ESPINOSA ADVISED THAT THE PLOT CALLS FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF FIDEL CASTRO, RAUL CASTRO, ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA AND RAMIRO VALDES. THE ASSASSINATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS TO TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE THAT THE LEADERS HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE PLOTTERS HOPE TO SEIZE THE RADIO STATION AND CALL FOR AMERICAN HELP. ESPINOSA SAID THAT CUBELA AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLOT DESIRE TO KNOW

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